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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. One copy each of the listed foreign patent documents and an English language Abstract for the Japanese document is also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,347,004 was cited by the Examiner in the parent application.

Each of the remaining listed documents was cited in a November 5, 2003 European Search

Report issued in counterpart European Application No. 00123543.1. A copy of the Search

Report also is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

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